



Attorney Docket No. 126.101

## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner: Kimberly R. Lockett

Art Unit: 2837

Re:

Application of:

Mark DRONGE

Serial No.:

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Filed:

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For:

Method for Coloring Strings and Strings

Colored Thereby

Confirmation No.:

8521

**Customer Number:** 

22846

## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 29, 2005

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 4, 2005 which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply expiring on May 4, 2005, applicant comments as follows:

Claims 1-6 and 8-17 are presently active in this application, claim 7 having been cancelled.

Claims 1-6 are allowed and claims 10, 11, 15 and 16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 8, 9, 12-14 and 17 are rejected.

## FIRST CLASS MAIL CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited as first class mail in a postage-paid envelope addressed to the "Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, 22313-1450" on April 29, 2005.

Brian Rone